

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION III
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SUBJECT: Formal Consultation Letter for the Seneca Nation of Indians

FROM: Cathy Libertz
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TO: Diana Esher
Acting Regional Administrator (3RA00)

Your signature is requested on the attached consultation letter.

This formal consultation with the Seneca Nation of Indians (the Nation) is in regard to one draft Underground Injection Control (UIC) permit. On March 15, 2021, Sandstone Development, LLC ("Sandstone") submitted a UIC permit application for the conversion of one active production well to a class II-R enhanced recovery injection well located in Bradford Township, McKean County, Pennsylvania. The draft permit will allow Sandstone to inject produced fluids into the Bradford Third sandstone formation for the enhanced recovery of oil within that formation. If the final permit is issued to Sandstone, it will remain in effect for the operational life of the facility. A permit is required to meet the provisions of the EPA-administered UIC Program in Pennsylvania.

The draft permit will have a thirty (30) day public comment period. A virtual public hearing, if there is significant public interest, will be held to solicit oral comments from interested parties.

The Nation's tribal lands are adjacent to the Allegheny River, just across the Pennsylvania-New York border. The Allegheny River is sacred to the Seneca people, serving as a critical source of subsistence to the community. The Nation wishes to conduct formal consultation for any permitting action that may impact the Allegheny River and its tributaries. The UIC Program will continue to follow the process and procedures set forth in the EPA Region 3 Consultation Policy SOP for Implementing the EPA Policy on Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribes.

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